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TAGS: CASC
SUBJECT: INCIDENT INVOLVING AMCITS IN MAYAPUR DISTRICT, WEST
BENGAL

1. REPORT INVOLVING CLASH BETWEEN ISKCON (HARE KRISHANA)
ADHERENTS, SOME OF WHOM ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS, AND LOCAL
RESIDENTS OF MAYAPUR (NADIA DISTRICT, WEST BENGAL) HAVE
APPEARED IN CALCUTTA EVENING PRESS (JULY 9). JOURNALIST
INFORMED US OF INCIDENT, AFTER WHICH WE SPOKE ABOUT IT WITH
OFFICIAL OF WEST BENGAL POLICE, WHO TOLD US THAT INCIDENT
TOOK PLACE ON EVENING OF JULY 8 AND INVOLVED A DISPUTE OVER
GRAZING CATTLE. HE SAID THAT RIOTING BROKE OUT BETWEEN
ISKCON MEMBERS AND LOCAL PEOPLE AND THAT SOME WERE INJURED
ON BOTH SIDES. ACCORDING TO POLICE OFFICIAL, SOME PEOPLE
HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND CASES HAD BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST THEM.
HE DID NOT RPT NOT HAVE SUCH DETAILS AS NAMES, NATIONALITIES
ETC.

2. WE GATHER FROM OTHER SOURCES, INCLUDING ISKCON MEMBERS
RESIDING IN CALCUTTA AND NEWSPAPER PEOPLE, THAT THERE WAS SOME
FIRING BY MEMBERS OF THE SECT AND THAT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF
THE HARE KRISHNA GROUP WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED. WE UNDERSTAND
THAT AT LEAST SIX PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED, SOME OF THEM AMERICANS,
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AND THAT THEY WERE LED THROUGH THE STREETS TO THE JAIL WITH
ROPES AROUND THEIR NECKS. BAIL REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN DENIED BY
LOCAL MAGISTRATE.

3. WE ARE TRYING TO CONTACT DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF NADIA FOR
MORE DETAILS ON INCIDENT. CONOFF PLANS TO LEAVE FOR KRISH-
NANAGAR 0500 HRS JULY 10 TO INQUIRE ABOUT PROTECTION AND WEL-

FARE OF THE ARRESTED AND INJURED U.S. CITIZENS.
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